



# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** *Drowning Impact Awareness month will raise awareness that the number and impact of child drownings in Arizona affects everyone; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the drowning incidents in Arizona take the lives of the equivalent of a classroom of children each year; and*
- WHEREAS,** *a child drowning can happen to any family regardless of education, race or socio-economic background; and*
- WHEREAS,** *families can take simple steps to protect their children around water to avoid the tragedy of the unnecessary loss of life; and*
- WHEREAS,** *water safety remains a priority for Arizona families, communities, the City of Mesa, and Water Watchers at Phoenix Children's Hospital; and*
- WHEREAS,** *keeping children healthy and safe is the goal of the City of Mesa, Water Watchers at Phoenix Children's Hospital, Mesa Fire Department and other prevention institutions in Arizona; raising awareness will increase understanding and education of effective ways to prevent drownings.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT SMITH,** *by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Mesa, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2013 as:*

## **DROWNING IMPACT AWARENESS MONTH**

**IN WITNESS THEREOF,** *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Mesa, Arizona to be affixed this 10th day of July, 2013.*

  
Scott Smith, Mayor

Attest:

  
DeeAnn Mickelsen, City Clerk

